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25X1 1. [] Talked to William Timmons, Assistant to the President for Congressional Relations, regarding S. 782 (Ervin bill) and explained our concern. I said I would send over background material providing additional details. Timmons said he would be glad to have his staff review the matter and would let us know the results.

25X1 2. [] Discussed the S. 782 problem with Roger Jones, Assistant Director, Bureau of the Budget, who said he would pass the word to the Legislative Reference staff of the Bureau not to raise any objections to our proposed letter to Chairman Henderson without clearing it with Jones. Jones was not aware that the bill had passed the Senate.

25X1 3. [] Discussed S. 782 with Ken BeLieu, Deputy Assistant to the President for Senate Relations, who was not aware that the bill had passed the Senate but recalled our earlier conversations on the matter and said he would discuss it with William Timmons.

25X1 4. [] Called Wilfred Rommel, Legislative Reference, Bureau of the Budget, re S. 782 and explained that we were sending over today a proposed letter to Chairman Henderson with supporting material which we hoped would receive prompt attention. Rommel, who was not aware that the bill had passed the Senate, said he would follow up as soon as the material arrived.

25X1 5. [] Made appointments with Representatives H. R. Gross, Lee Hamilton, Edward Derwinski and Richard White, of the House Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee of House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, to explain our problems with S. 782.

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9. [redacted] Handcarried to Victor Zafra, Bureau of the Budget, the Agency's proposed report to Chairman Henderson, Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, on S. 782, Zafra said he had already received word of Mr. Maury's call to Roger Jones, BOB, and in response to my question said that in the event they had not cleared our report by the time it was needed by Henderson, we could transmit it with the standard statement that time did not permit BOB clearance. He said, however, they would move fast on it and foresaw no problems in early clearance. BOB has not yet received reports on the bill from any other department or agency. I told him we understood that Henderson had requested the views of the Civil Service Commission and Department of Defense. Zafra was surprised to learn that the FBI had retained its full exemption and I suggested that Justice's views might still be desirable since they will be required to defend all suits generated by the bill.

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12. [] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, concerning the Soviet TU-95 flights to Cuba and told him that the monitoring or radar coverage of such flights is an operational military responsibility of NORAD. Although this response did not satisfy him completely, no further action on this matter is expected from us. (See Journal item of 12 June 1970.)

I also discussed S. 782 with Mr. Slatinshek and alerted him to the possibility of a request for a letter from the Chairman to the Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee about the bill. I told him that we would draft a suggested letter for him along the lines of the Rivers to Henderson letter of 18 June 1968.

We discussed the Agency retirement legislation at some length. He does not feel that our bill has much of a chance of getting through both houses this year. Although he sees no problem as such in getting it through House Armed Services Committee and the House of Representatives, he pointed out that the Senate Armed Services Committee at present has some 38 House-passed bills, including the procurement and construction bills, that have not been acted upon. With this kind of backlog in the Senate Committee, he feels that our chances in the Senate are not too good for this session.

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I brought Mr. Preston up to date on S. 782. It is his feeling that Chairman Mahon can be expected to be sympathetic to our position.

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